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folic acid, and mixture thereof.

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*33* (Amended) The method of claim ~~17~~ wherein said minerals are selected from the group consisting of derivatives of calcium, copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, molybdenum, phosphorus, potassium, selenium, zinc, and derivatives and mixtures thereof.

#### REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of this application is respectfully requested. This paper is submitted in response to the Examiner's telephone communication of May 8, 2003.

Applicant has amended claims 6, 32 and 33 to depend from claims 1, 17 and 17, respectively. It is noted that claim 12 was cancelled in Amendment B.

Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S Patent Application Serial Nos. 10/272,804 and 09/4837086. The Examiner's indication of allowability is noted with thanks and appreciation. Should the Examiner have any further questions, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at her convenience.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, all of the pending claims are allowable and an early indication of allowance is solicited.

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The claims have been amended as follows.

6. (Amended) The product of [claim 5] claim 1 wherein said vitamins are selected from the group consisting of vitamin A, beta-carotene, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, vitamin C, vitamin D, vitamin E, folic acid, and derivatives and mixtures thereof.

32. (Amended) The method of [claim 31] claim 17 wherein said vitamins are selected from the group consisting of derivatives of vitamin A, beta-carotene, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, vitamin C, vitamin D, vitamin E, folic acid, and mixture thereof.

33. (Amended) The method of [claim 31] claim 17 wherein said minerals are selected from the group consisting of derivatives of calcium, copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, molybdenum, phosphorus, potassium, selenium, zinc, and derivatives and mixtures thereof.

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